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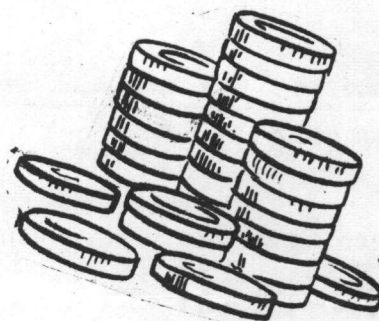


JUNE



A trip to Silver City,  
And down to Diamond, too,  
Has been planned and scheduled  
by George, for me and you.

We'll start our travels early  
With camper, trailer, or tent  
To see if we can discover  
Where all the Treasure went!!!



We hope you plan to join us  
For this weekend in the sun,  
We may not ALL find treasure,  
But, sure, we'll all have fun!!

So pack your gear for camping  
And while Damm makes earth so pretty,  
Join our Nutsy convoy  
On the road to Silver City.

## First Law of Travel:

It always takes longer to get there  
than to get back.

If at first you don't  
succeed, you're running  
about average.

## Rune's rule for travellers:

If you don't care where you are,  
you ain't lost!!!

A short-cut is usually  
the longest distance  
between two points!

## Phillip's Law:

Four-wheel drive just means getting  
stuck in more inaccessible places!!

Don't forget to get your tickets for the drawing on June 28th---

Listed below are the items to be won--Someone will win--Maybe YOU?

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1. John Causer, Price, Utah; 5¢ in Mdse., Brass
  2. Security State Bank, Pecos, Texas, Medal, Brass
  3. Great Britain Crown, Prince of Wales, 1981, Copper/Nickel
  4. C.S.N.A. (Calif. State Numismatic Assn.) Medal, 1971, Brass
  5. O.P.A. Blue Point, and O.P.A. Red Point (Ration Tokens)
  6. Unlisted Video Token, Gameland Play Coin, Five Duckaroos.
  7. Mexico, 2 pesos, 1945, Gold
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#### INTERESTING NOTES FROM:

Remember the Susan B. Anthony dollar? The Edsel of American Coins? Haven't seen many lately have you? That's because it has been almost relegated to token status!

Baltimore's new Metro subway system is the only place where they are in regular use at the present time. Baltimore opened its subway last November with a set of change machines that give out Susan B. Anthony dollars, rather than other coins, in exchange for paper money. The "Susan B's" as they are called are used to purchase subway tickets and most of them stay in a self-replenishing cycle from change machine to ticket machine and back to the changers. A few slip out of the system taken by souvenir hunters but the local commercial banks and the Federal Reserve Bank in Baltimore have a very large supply of Susan B's on hand: bags and bags of them since no one else much wants them. Most places that tried the Susan B's in volume, gave up because the public found them too easily confused with quarters. Most of the Susan B's--about 500 million, give or take a million or two--are still in "inventory" lying around unused in the vaults of the Bureau of the Mint and the 37 Federal Reserve banks across the country. Another 330 million are theoretically in circulation but no one is sure where they've gone.

Edwin Rochette, executive vice president of the American Numismatic Association said that a lot of the general public looked at them as a kind of oddball coin when they first came out and put them away. "If only one in every 10 people put a couple aside, you're talking about millions that are now in a sock drawer somewhere," Rochette said.

The Bureau of the Mint turned out more than 830 million of the coins, but most sat unused as government efforts to ignite national passion for the coins sputtered out one by one. "Not exactly a groundswell of enthusiasm," acknowledged mint spokesman John Doom. Minting of the coin began in 1979 and was discontinued in 1981. Since Baltimore is one of the very few places where the Susan B's are treated as coin of the realm, we may live to see it considered as just another token!!!

(from May 1984, The Coin Wholesaler)

FROM OUR PRESIDENT...



Dear NUTS:

I want to tell you about a few things that were found at our last dig (over Memorial Day) in Frisco, Utah. Harold Franke found an 1877-CC dime in XF condition and Bruce Robinson found a 1901 Indian Cent. Both of these were at Frisco. Some of the members also checked out Newhouse (which is only about 6 miles from Frisco) and John Attebury found a 1911-D dime in VF condition--which made his day!

Many other members found bottles, marbles, doll parts, pins, watches, pans, assorted junk and rattlesnakes! The thing that made your heart pump fast was the rattlesnakes. Harold also said that one of the bottle diggers found a token from Milford--a new R-10 unlisted that he was unable to buy at the time.

Over all it was a good dig with about 20 members from our club showing up. To me, the most fun was sitting around the campfire at night and joking with good friends. It truly was a great time to remember. Hopefully some of the members will bring some pictures to the club meeting on June 28th so those who couldn't come will be able to see what they missed.

Our next dig is the weekend before our next club meeting on June 23rd and 24th and it will be in the Eureka area with George Wilson as Wagonmaster in charge. Look for more about times and places in the story on pages 7 & 8 in this issue of Token Hunter.

Another dig will be held on July 14th and 15th at Fruitland, Utah. I will be in charge there and Carol will tell you more about this dig at our club meeting as well as in the story she wrote for page 9 of the Token Hunter. Make sure you bring plenty of boxes to carry home your loot.

Token and medal trading has reached an all-time high this past month for me and the prices were not cheap--but then again, nothing that you want is cheap.

Our speaker last month was De Kelsey who kindly substituted for Dave Freed when Dave was unable to attend the May meeting since his wife was receiving a special award at the University and we all know it behooves us to attend such things when a spouse is involved! I'd like to thank De Kelsey for the program he presented. I thought his slides were very good and am looking forward to seeing his new program when it's completed.

For the June 28th meeting, our speaker will be Dave Freed and, as I mentioned in the May issue of Token Hunter, he has the finest collection of Utah tokens that I know about and he is willing to share his knowledge with us.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, continued:



We expect to have a special guest at our club meeting on June 28th who is a very important person as far as coin collectors go. She is Florence Shook, Vice President of the American Numismatic Association which is the largest coin, token, medal, and script club in the world. She will be in town with other officers of the ANA making arrangements for the ANA mid-winter coin show to be held at the Hotel Utah in 1986. I hope our club can somehow be involved with this important coin show. It is a great honor to have Ms. Shook visit our club and perhaps we can prevail upon her to say a few words about coin collecting to us.

Remember to invite your friends to come and visit with us on June 28th and all you "old" club members plan to attend and get involved this month because it's going to be a g-r-r-r-eat meeting!!

We MAY have another auction so be ready. The Token Quiz this month will be given by Carol Campbell and she said the questions will make your heart pump just like the rattlesnakes did!

Good Hunting,

Bob Campbell  
President NUTS



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hope you can stand hearing a little more about the Frisco trip from me. John and I went down Saturday morning with the group led by Brian Moulton. The roads were not bad and we enjoyed the drive. Made a "pit stop" in Delta and got to Frisco about 10:00 a.m. and found the others trying to decide just where to camp. We finally wound up on the west ridge just south of the old kilns. There was a nice breeze and we really were pleased with the location. Saturday night was something else as the nice breeze turned into a hurricane and we fully expected to find George and Theresa's tent sailing past our trailer during the night!! Glen Higley and his wife, Carol, anchored their tent to Bob Campbell's car so you can be sure the wind was really blowing!! Everyone was anxious to get started "hunting" and scattered to the four winds in no time at all. Naturally the first finds were by Bruce Robinson and Harold Franke! Honestly, if I didn't like both of them, I'd be tempted to let the air out of their tires or something to hold them back so the rest of us could get a chance at the "goodies."!! We really had a nice crowd. Wagonmasters Bryan and George brought their wives, Mary and Theresa, and their children, Amy, William, Michelle, and Karen, Leslie, and Jennifer.

Harold and Linda Franke were in their camper with Jill and Steve, and Bruce Robinson had his two boys, Donny and Wayne, with him. Tom and Linda McFadden (with Brian, Danielle, and Tommy) also joined us.

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A.J. Carlson spent Saturday with us and hunted diligently. We were all sorry to see her leave early. Hope she can stay for the full weekend next time. Bob Campbell couldn't get away from the shop until afternoon so he arrived Saturday night and was ready to start finding things early Sunday morning. Others in camp were Greg and Kay Manos, Glen and Carol Higley, and John Attebury and yours truly. Doug and Bruce Garrett spent quite a bit of time with us but apparently weren't camping out. All in all it was a really fun time.

Most of the items found were unimportant from a monetary viewpoint but even finding an old piece of iron or an old rusted out pan gives you a funny feeling of continuity with the past and makes it all worthwhile.

Sunday some of us went over to Newhouse to "prospect" and found it hot, dry, and interesting. That's where John found his 1911-D dime and informed everyone that now the trip was worthwhile and we could all go home!! While we were at Newhouse, Bob and Bruce R. and some others (Greg, I think) were excavating an old outhouse in Frisco. At least that is what they said they were doing--I think they were trying to dig through to China! You never saw such a wide, deep hole but they did come out with about 30 bottles as well as various and sundry other items. Looked like work to me but then, of course, I was born tired and never got over it!

John and I came back through Tooele and thus avoided the steeper grades through Elberta to Delta and we enjoyed the change. By the way, you might ask George and Glen how long it takes to get their tents put up!! But stand well back when you do!!!

Edith Attebury  
Editor



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The NUTS officers would like to publicly thank Cheryl Harris for the pictures of the April meeting which she so kindly donated to the club. Our special thanks, Cheryl, as it is things like this which make the club important to us all. (Also, thanks Cheryl for getting the back of my head--I agree that is the best view!).

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Let's give a great big welcome to our new members who joined us and paid their dues at the May meeting:

Dick Green  
Roy, Utah

William Sanford  
Ely, Nevada

Glen Higley  
Plymouth, Utah



## LITTLE BILLIE HATFIELD AND "FREE SILVER"

(Stories of the Eureka area, Silver City and Diamond)

In the fall of 1869, George Rust was herding cattle in the Tintic hills near Ruby Hollow. As he rode through the sagebrush, the glitter of metal caught his eye. Quickly he dismounted and retrieved the object. He didn't quite know what to make of the rock he was holding but when he returned to his home in Payson, Utah, his neighbors recognized the rock as high grade silver ore.

George and his friends knew that they must stake their claims by the following spring or they might never get a chance to do so. News of the find was already the talk of the town and it wouldn't take long for the news to travel through the whole territory. By the first of December, George and the others were outfitted with the necessary equipment and supplies and, on December 11th, they made their camp in Ruby Hollow. No sooner had they set up camp until a winter blizzard covered the mountains and the valley with snow. For two days the men were confined to their tents but on the morning of the third day, the storm began to break. The men were eager as they rode north into the mountains. As they came to the summit, the sun began to stream through the clouds and just above them, sparkling in the sunlight, was a huge out-cropping. When they finally reached it and began staking the Sunbeam claim, on the 13th of December, 1869, the Tintic Mining District was organized. By the spring of 1870, claims had been filed on nearly every part of the new district. On each side of the Sunbeam Mine, towns sprang up--Silver City on the north, and Diamond on the south side of Treasure Hill.

Diamond was Tintic's first boom town. After the discovery of Sunbeam, other prospectors searching in the canyons around Treasure Hill discovered large numbers of topaz crystals. Some of the greenhorn prospectors believed that the crystals were diamonds and the old-timers had a good laugh at their expense but the mistake was perpetuated and the town that grew up around the foot of Treasure Hill was named Diamond.

Diamond was a boom town of the first order. At its peak, Diamond had a population of over 1,000, with 4 stores, 3 hotels, a school, several boarding houses, 2 churches, a postoffice, and, at least, 5 saloons. But Diamond's days were numbered. By 1875, the population had dwindled to only a few hundred and by 1900, the census listed only 269 residents. By 1923 the last building had been lifted from its foundations and, today, the only remains of Diamond to be seen are the weathered headboards in the town cemetery.

Silver City started from a much smaller beginning than Diamond but it lasted longer than its neighbor to the south. In spite of its small beginning, Silver City soon became the center of the Tintic District. The stagecoach, and later the railroad, had their terminals in Silver City. It reached its peak around 1900 with a population of over 1,500. The Knight smelter, west of town, was in full operation and its business didn't lack for customers. The Dance Pavilion, also, was always crowded on Saturday night. When Uncle Jesse Knight (known as the Mormon Mining Wizard) finally closed down his smelter in 1909, one by one the mines closed too. Silver City's last residents moved to Eureka in 1963 and Silver City joined the ranks of Utah's ghost towns.

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One of Silver City's most famous citizens was "Little Billie" Hatfield. Billie had been born with the soul of a wanderer. His nature wouldn't let him stay too long in any one place. His travels had taken him from one town to the next and he preferred life in the mining camps where a dollar could be made without too much effort on his part.

When Billie arrived in Silver City in the spring of 1896, its days of prosperity seemed far behind. Many of the mines had closed but a few still made their daily shipments of precious metals. As he rode into town, Billie knew he had found a place to his liking--a place where he could settle down. Well, at least, settle down for a little while!! Billie's new-found home suited him well. The people were friendly and the odd jobs he found weren't too hard. Soon his cheerful ways and his quick smile had made many friends and he was a welcome addition to the town's population. As he grew to know his neighbors, he realized that the people of Silver City took their politics seriously. The year of 1896 was an election year. McKinley and the Republicans wanted to keep the gold standard as it was but Bryan and the Democrats wanted the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 silver dollars to 1 gold dollar. The miners knew that with the 16 to 1 ratio silver would be in high demand again and the good times would come to Silver City once more.

By the summer of 1896, Billie Hatfield was convinced that he should do the right thing and vote for William Jennings Bryan in November but there was a slight problem. In those days, you had to own property to vote and in the Tintic District that meant you had to have a claim. Billie hadn't ever done much prospecting and he knew even less about mining but since he needed to own a claim, the abandoned South Swansea mine north of town suited his purpose very well.

The Swansea mines had produced vast amounts of lead and silver but, at the 400 foot level, a seemingly endless iron cap had been encountered and work in the mine had ground to a halt. When Billie surveyed the site, the Swansea had been abandoned for several years and he knew he would have to do several hundred dollars worth of assessment work that year in order to keep his claim. To Billie that seemed like a small price to pay to be able to vote for Bryan and "Free Silver." He set to work and soon the tailings glistened as the iron pyrites poured out of the mine. The work was hard but Billie stuck with it. After all, the election was only a few months away and when Bryan was elected, he could go back to his more leisurely life.

When November came around, Billie Hatfield was first in line to cast his ballot but when the votes were counted, McKinley and the "gold bugs" had been elected! Billie was disappointed to say the least. Four more years of hard labor didn't appeal to him and his "iron" mine was becoming something of a local joke. However, Dame Fortune had apparently taken a liking to Billie. As he dumped out the "last" carload of ore, a different sort of glitter caught his eye. Billie knew from the high grade ore samples he had seen that this was SILVER, not IRON! Back down into the mine he went and as he dug into the wall in front of him a vein of almost pure silver appeared!

Billie couldn't wait to tell his friends so quickly he filled his pockets with the shining metal and out of the mine he ran. With shouts of "drinks for everybody" he charged through the doors of the first saloon he came to. Billie poured his treasure out onto the bar and told everyone about his strike. When he woke up the next morning, he had the hangover of his life. Slowly he walked back to his claim.

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## Silver City and Diamond, continued:

Something was different around the claim he had left the day before. All around the South Swansea, new corner markers had appeared. In his haste to celebrate, Billie hadn't claimed the adjoining property but he needn't have worried. When the South Swansea finally closed for good in the 1920's, TWELVE MILES OF TUNNELS had uncovered tons of silver, lead and gold and Billie was a millionaire many times over. William McKinley may have been elected President of the United States but everybody in the Tintic Mining District knew that Billie Hatfield was the real winner of the 1896 election.

On June 23rd and 24th, we will be visiting Silver City and Diamond. If you would like to travel with us as a group, we will be meeting in the parking lot of the Redwood Multi-Purpose Center on the morning of the 23rd. The Center is located on 3100 South Lester Street, just off of Redwood Road. DON'T BE LATE AS WE WILL LEAVE THE CENTER NO LATER THAN 6:30 a.m.

If you like to sleep late on Saturdays, just head south until you get to Highway 6-50. Turn west and follow 6-50 for 3.1 miles past Eureka where you will see a sign that still points the way to Silver City. Turn east and follow the paved road for about one-half of a mile. Then turn east again on the dirt road and you will be in Silver City.

We will plan to be in Silver City all weekend and hope to see you there.



George Wilson  
Wagonmaster



We still need to hear from the members about items for the monthly drawings. Do you want only 1 or 2 very good items each month? Or, several inexpensive ones and 1 good one? Or give us your ideas? Come on and let us hear from you--this is NOT supposed to be a one-way conversation!!!



We are still planning on printing a NUTS directory of names, addresses, phone numbers, and, possibly, special interests. Remember, if you DON'T WANT YOUR NAME OR ADDRESS OR PHONE LISTED, YOU MUST TELL EDITH VERY, VERY SOON!!! She will eliminate anything or anybody if advised in time and that means, prior to August 1, 1984.



COURTESY should be our watchword. Remember when someone finds an interesting spot or seems to be diligently working on one particular place, it is courteous to leave a few feet of space around him and not begin to dig or hunt right under his nose! Sure, you might find that lucky silver dollar--but would it be worth it to alienate an otherwise good friend? THINK--and then, THINK AGAIN.

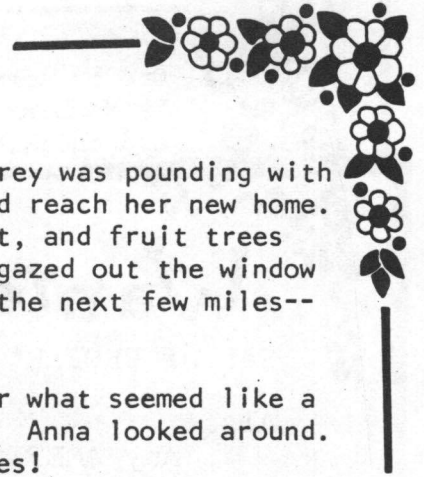


Be sure to look over THE MARKETPLACE this month. It is growing like a weed. Do you have a 'want' you'd like to put in? Or, do you have something you'd like to sell or trade? See Bob or Ede before the 15th of the month to get in in the next issue.





## Anna's Disappointment



The stage was hot and dusty, but the heart of Anna Carey was pounding with excitement for she knew that within a few minutes she would reach her new home. A place where the land was free as long as you cared for it, and fruit trees would produce the sweetest peaches in the world. As Anna gazed out the window of the stage, she thought, "the land must change a lot in the next few miles--all I can see is sagebrush and sandstone."

The stage slowed and came to a stop, spraying dust for what seemed like a mile. The driver announced they had arrived in Fruitland. Anna looked around. There was not even a building, let alone orchards of peaches!

Homesteaders gradually trickled in and the town began to grow. A school was started and buildings sprang up everywhere. Peach trees WERE planted but never grew because the growing season was too short and the soil full of alkali. When the small trees failed, the staple of these Irish immigrants took their place. Potatoes did great in the clay-like soil.

Anna soon had two boys, Glen and Leon. These boys became surveyors for the area and knew the land well. One of their cousins, Jerry Eagan, came from Wisconsin to explore the west after serving in World War II. Shortly afterward he became the constable of Fruitland. Glen and Leon joined in with Jerry to buy some land and build a cabin. The cabin they built is where we will be staying during our July dig. Although the Careys left Fruitland long ago for Salt Lake and other places, some of the original families still remain there in Fruitland. If you stop at the cemetery, you will find three or four last names most common, such as Sweat, Carey, Moon and a few others.

### WHEN AND WHERE?

We will meet at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center parking lot on Saturday, July 14th and will take I-80 east out of Salt Lake City. Take the Heber exit on to Highway 40 and go through Heber, past Strawberry Reservoir, right into Fruitland. Directly across from the Fruitland General Store, turn north. Signs will be posted for the late comers but if they get blown down, follow the road signs to Red Creek Reservoir and stay on the main road. The road is not always passable for cars, and, if it is raining, the road is not passable for ANYTHING--not even 4-wheel drive! Therefore, if it is rainy, this trip will be called off.

There is running, drinking water, an outhouse, and grass for tents as well as plenty of parking for campers. There is lots of fishing and hiking along with fossil hunting. The reason we have this opportunity is that Jerry Eagan is Carol Campbell's father. He might take us to an old Indian town, lumber camp and Spanish Mine---plus, he'll show us how a divining rod works!!!

### FUN FOR EVERYONE!!!

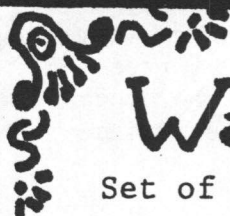
From the Redwood Multi-purpose Center to Fruitland should only be about a 2 hour drive--assuming the Highway Dept. cooperates--so we will plan to meet at about 6:30 a.m. and will leave PROMPTLY AT 7:00 A.M.!! DON'T BE LATE IF YOU WANT TO TRAVEL IN CONVOY!

Carol Campbell



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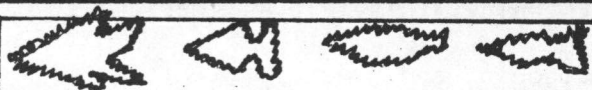
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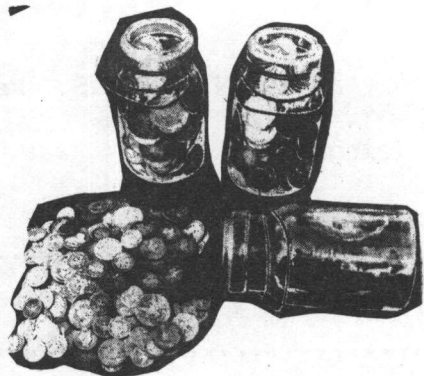
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